

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An attachment to a strap comprising:
 - (a) a first portion adapted to be connected to the strap;
 - (b) a second portion adjacent to the first portion; ~~and~~
 - (c) a magnet attached to the first portion, the magnet being capable of removably securing the second portion to the first portion when the first and second portions are brought in proximity; and
 - (d) attached to the second portion, one of a further magnet and a magnetic material adapted to communicate with the magnet attached to the first portion.
2. (Original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the first portion includes a recess, and wherein when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other, the second portion is at least partially disposed in the recess of the first portion such that the attachment has a substantially smooth exterior at the junction of the first and second portions.
3. (Original) The attachment of claim 2, wherein the magnet is embedded in the first portion.
4. (Original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the second portion has a recess, and wherein when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other, the first portion is at least partially disposed in the recess of the second portion such that the attachment has a substantially smooth exterior at the junction of the first and second portions.

5. (Original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the attachment is capable of retaining a further strap when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The attachment of claim 6 1, wherein one of the further magnet and the magnetic material is embedded in the second portion.

8. (Currently amended) The attachment of claim 1, wherein:

(a) the first portion has a recess;

(b) the magnet is embedded in the first portion;

(c) one of the further magnet or the magnetic material is embedded in the second portion ~~the second portion has a further magnet embedded therein adapted to communicate with the magnet of first portion when the first and second portions are brought in proximity; and~~

(d) when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other, the second portion is at least partially disposed in the recess of the first portion such that the attachment has a substantially smooth exterior at the junction of the first and second portions and the attachment is capable of retaining a further strap.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A bag for holding articles comprising:

(a) at least one wall forming a compartment;

(b) a strap attached to the at least one wall; and

(c) an attachment to the strap comprising:

- (i) a first portion adapted to be connected to the strap;
- (ii) a second portion adjacent to the first portion; ~~and~~
- (iii) a magnet attached to the first portion, the magnet being capable of removeably securing the first portion to the second portion when the first and second portions are brought in proximity; and
- (iv) attached to the second portion, one of a further magnet and a magnetic material adapted to communicate with the magnet attached to the first portion.

12. (Original) The bag of claim 11, wherein the first portion includes a recess, and wherein when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other, the second portion is at least partially disposed in the recess of the first portion such that the attachment has a substantially smooth exterior at the junction of the first and second portions.

13. (Original) The bag of claim 12, wherein the magnet is embedded in the first portion.

14. (Original) The bag of claim 11, wherein the second portion includes a recess, and wherein when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other, the first portion is at least partially disposed in the recess of the second portion such that the attachment has a substantially smooth exterior at the junction of the first and second portions.

15. The bag of claim 11, wherein the attachment is capable of retaining a further strap when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) The bag of claim ~~16~~ 11, wherein one of the further magnet and the magnetic material is embedded in the second portion.

18. The bag of claim 11, wherein: (See claim 8)
- (a) the first portion has a recess;
 - (b) the magnet is embedded in the first portion;
 - (c) one of the further magnet or the magnetic material is embedded in the
second portion ~~has a further magnet embedded therein adapted to communicate with the magnet~~
~~the first portion when the first and second portions are brought in proximity;~~ and
 - (d) when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other,
the second portion is at least partially disposed in the recess of the first portion such that the
attachment has a substantially smooth exterior at the junction of the first and second portions and
attachment is capable of retaining a further strap.
19. (Canceled)
20. (Canceled)
21. (New) The attachment of claim 2, wherein the attachment is capable of retaining
a further strap when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other.
22. (New) The attachment of claim 3, wherein the attachment is capable of retaining
a further strap when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other.
23. (New) The bag of claim 12, wherein the attachment is capable of retaining a
further strap when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other.
24. (New) The bag of claim 13, wherein the attachment is capable of retaining a
further strap when the first and second portions are brought in contact with each other.